Well in Pariyaram, and Korayar Bridge.

105. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it has been brought to their notice that the well on the road in Pariyaram in Chalakkudi is in a dangerous position and that living beings have fallen into it for want of a wall around it;

(2) whether they have recently received any petition from the inhabitants in and around Ramavarman Puthur praying for a bridge over the Korayar near Eruthempathy in Chittur;

(3) if so, whether they have any proposals to meet the wishes of the signatories thereto?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(1) Yes, towards the close of Mithunam last.

(2) Yes.

(3) The matter is being enquired into.

Agricultural Co-operative Societies.

106. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any Agricultural Co-operative Societies in the State; and if so, their number?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question is not clear in that it is not known what the Member means by "Agricultural Co-operative Societies."

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar. — Sir, by my question I meant only Agricultural Co-operative Societies in Ollukkara. May I know whether there are any purely Agricultural Societies?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, there is one, and one has been registered by the Registrar in this year.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are both of them functioning properly?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes. Only one is functioning. The other one was registered only in the current year.

Non-Cochinites in Service.

107. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number and names of non-Cochinites entertained in Government Service during the last three years;

(b) the names of officers, who made the appointment;

(c) whether all the appointments were made with the special sanction of the Diwan?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—None so far as it could be ascertained. The other questions do not arise.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—You say "so far as you could ascertain, no appointment was made".

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Were the appointments of Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan and Mr. Karunakara Menon, the Professor of Zoology, made with the knowledge of the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer given was 'So far as the Government could ascertain.' We have not received the reports from all the Heads of Departments. So it was worded, 'so far as it could be ascertained.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why should answers be given without getting the necessary information ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because there is a complaint in the Council that a sufficient number of questions are not answered. If you do not want such answers, we would not supply.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—We only ask questions for perfect answers.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If the information is received early, it will be given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For question No. 465 of the Kumbham Session of 1101 the answer given is ' Vide list appended, Appendix VI.' Is that list also published without the knowledge of the Government ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Not without the knowledge of the Government. It is with the knowledge of the Government.

Mr. T. A.Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not persons, whose appointments have been made without the knowledge of the Government included in the list ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—You mean the list containing the names of non-Cochinites in the State service during the last ten years ? I think it will come up to 1100 or so only.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not till Kumbham 1101 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Ten years up to 1100 it was taken—it seems.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Therefore, not until the date on which the list was published.

Appointment of a Muslim Member in the Text-Book Committee.

108. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done in response to the demand made in and outside the Legislative Council for the appointment of a Muslim Member in the Text Book Committee ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 247 of the Legislative Session of 1102.

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